

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to overcome the rejections under §102 and §103. Claims 3 and 5 have been amended to correct minor typographical errors. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kirsten (U.S. Pat. No. 6,011,901). Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kirsten in view of Just (U.S. Pat. No. 6,389,339). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants suppose that the Examiner has not fully understood that last phrase of the original Claim 1, "a correspondence between the synthesized and camera images". In order to distinguish the claimed invention from Kirsten, Claim 1 has been amended.

On page 2, paragraph 3, the Examiner states that "(note Fig 4, video selector select cut down mode in accordance with camera image 1-8 and selector control which receive data from the bus that receives synthesized image)". However, "cutdown mode" of the claimed invention is not suggested by Kirsten. Furthermore, Kirsten does not disclose nor suggest the feature of the claimed invention, "selecting a cutdown mode in accordance with a geometric correspondence between the synthesized image and the each of camera images".

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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